

REMARKS

In order to expedite prosecution, Applicant has withdrawn previous claims 14-33 without prejudice to refilling in a continuation and added new claims 34-41. Claims 1-3 and 34-41 are currently pending in this application, with Claims 1, 34, 35 and 36 being the sole independent claims.

New claims 34-41 reflect the Examiner's provisional allowance of original claims 19-20, 23 and 28-32 if rewritten in independent form. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Applicants have also amended Claim 1 to correct a typographical error noted by the Examiner in his Section 112 rejection of Claims 1-13. Specifically, Applicants have replaced the term "second network device" with "second network subdevice," which was intended and finds antecedent basis in the claims. Thus, as the Examiner has noted, Claims 1-13 should now be allowable.

Allowance of the claims and passage of the case to issue are respectfully solicited. The Office is authorized to charge any fees required by this amendment to Deposit Account 13-2490. Should the Examiner believe a discussion of this matter would be helpful, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (312) 913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,

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